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## **Everglades recreation meetings set in nine locations**

Jacksonville, Fla. – Everglades recreation planners will host public meetings throughout south Florida in April and May to present and receive feedback on regionally based recreation plans.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District and South Florida Water Management District planners are in the final stages of developing the Master Recreation Plan for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Planners will present regional recreation analyses and conceptual plans for review.

“We look forward to sharing thoughts, goals and ideas with those who live in and use the areas that will be impacted by the work we do,” said Shauna Allen, Master Recreation Plan project manager. “Even more importantly, we look forward to hearing input about these plans. Recreation is an important consideration in the restoration effort.”

CERP is designed to provide a framework and guide to restore, protect and preserve the water resources of central and southern Florida, including the Everglades. It covers 16 counties and over 18,000 square miles. The Master Recreation Plan is a ‘living document’ that will guide planners in recommending recreation activities and facilities within individual CERP projects. In 2006, the planning team hosted a series of meetings and received public input on existing recreation conditions, future recreation needs and recreation trends and issues.

At the upcoming meetings, planners will discuss how they applied the information received during the 2006 meetings, and provide an opportunity for the public to become more engaged and involved with the process, Allen said. Ideas, comments and suggestions are welcome.

Public meetings will begin with an open house during which attendees may meet and talk with the planners. This will be followed by a short presentation, and then questions and comments. The meetings, scheduled for 6:30 – 8 p.m., are located at:

- A.J. Gaines Park in West Palm Beach **Apr. 14**



- Broward County Main Library in Ft. Lauderdale **Apr. 15**
- Florida City Community Center in Florida City **Apr. 16**
- African Heritage Cultural Arts Center in Miami **Apr. 21**
- Tree Tops Park in Davie **Apr. 28**
- SFWMD Lower West Coast Service Center in Ft. Myers **Apr. 29**
- Okeechobee Civic Center in Okeechobee **May 5**
- Everglades Research & Education Center Conference Center in Belle Glade **May 6**
- University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center in Ft. Pierce **May 7**

Comment forms, fact sheets and other materials about the Master Recreation Plan are available on the Web at: [www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr\\_master\\_rec\\_plan.cfm](http://www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr_master_rec_plan.cfm). Comments may also be directed to Rebecca S. Griffith, PH.D, Planning Division Chief, Attn: Paul Stevenson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Fla., 32232-0019.

For more information, visit [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org) or call 1-877-CERP-USA.

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## Public meetings for Everglades regional recreation plans

### Meeting times and locations

Date	Time	Location
<b>April 14</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	<b>Gaines Park Community Center</b> 1501 N Australian Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
<b>April 15</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	<b>Broward County Main Library</b> <b>Bienes Museum Ceremonial Room</b> 100 S Andrews Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
<b>April 16</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	<b>Florida Community Center,</b> 404 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida, 33034
<b>April 21</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	<b>African Heritage Cultural Arts Center</b> 6161 NW 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Miami, FL 33142
<b>April 28</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	Tree Tops Park 3900 SW 100 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Davie, FL 33328
<b>April 29</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	SFWMD LWC Service Center 2301 McGregor Blvd, Ft Myers, FL 33901



<b>May 5</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	Okeechobee Civic Center 1750 Hwy 98 N, Okeechobee, FL 34972
<b>May 6</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	Everglades REC Conference Center 3200 E Palm Beach Rd, Belle Glade, FL 33430
<b>May 7</b>	6:30 – 8 pm	UF Indian River Research and Education Center 2199 South Rock Rd, Ft Pierce, FL 34945